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THE STRIKE OFF.

The refusal of a large body of the Reading employees to join in the strike has averted a foredoomed failure.

The men who thus stood out against this extreme measure regard the action of the Philadelphia Knights as ill-timed and inadvisable, and their opinion is justified by the rescinding of the order for a strike. To bring distress and suffering upon tens of thousands of poor people all over the country by furnishing a new pretext for raising the price of coal, and perhaps creating a fuel famine in midwinter, would certainly be a far greater injury to the working class than the employment at one point of a few non-union men.

The Reading Knights evidently believe that "an injury to all is the concern of all."

A WHOLESALE SANTA CLAUS.

Ex-Gov. ALGER, of Michigan, has given to other very rich men a noble example of the right use of wealth.

He fitted out 500 of the poorest newsboy of Detroit with complete suits of winter clothing as a Christmas present, and will follow this up by giving to 1,000 poor families a ton of coal or a cord of hard wood and a barrel of flour each. The beneficiaries have been carefully selected by Mr. ALGER's own agents, with a view to helping the deserving poor.

If the other lumber lords and coal barons and iron kings would make such good use of some of their superfluous wealth, there would perhaps be less prejudice against the tax system that has helped them to their

THE DEVIL-FISH'S FEELERS.

The monopolistic devil-fish is multiplying its tentacles. The Coke Syndicate, now reorganizing, will add another to the combinations for arbitrarily fixing the price of necessities of the people or essentials of manu factures. We have now a Sugar Trust, an Oil Trust,

& Cotton Seed Trust, a Lead Trust, a Rubber Trust, Salt and Steel pools or "combines." Envelope and Paper-Bag Trusts, a Cordage pool and scores of other conspiracies for substituting combinations for competition as the law of business.

Is it not time for the people to combine against the " combines," and to show their distrust of Trusts?

MAKE THEM DISGORGE.

The report that the President has approved the recommendation that suits be brought against Jay Gould and his co-wreckers of the Union Pacific road to recover the \$10,000,000 which they "got away with," is good enough to be true. It would be the tallest kind of a feather in

the cap of the Administration if it could preserve the Government's interest in these roads from loss and recover some portion of the plunder to which they have been sub-

The sportive monkey that fired the town of Wakefield, Wis., by overturning a lamp can claim a small place in the niche of the temple of fame occupied by the cow whose kick conflagrated Chicago.

Young Boss Conz, that cock sure young soul, was worned by THE WORLD some time ago not to count his persimmons until JIMMY HUSTED's long pole had got in its fine

Money opened the jail doors for JAKE BRANP and wit and daring opened the jail window to Paul Knause. The rich rogues are not always the only ones in luck,

Dr. MACRENEIE now says of the Crown Prince's trouble that "time alone can determine the exact nature of the disease.' It is evident that the doctors can't.

The Reading strikers struck before the fron was hot, and the weather is too cold to make it not by striking.

Uncle Samuell You ong it to be as of yourself to leave the dewalk on the

Mail street side of your big Post-Office persistently unshovelled. It is setting a bad example.

"Christmas comes but once a year," but it lasts some people a good while when it gets

The Christmas snowstorm was a little late, but it got there all the same.

AT THE SEYMOUR CLUB.

Neil Bryant, brother of the late Dan Bryant, the minstrel, is a champion crib player. Warren C. Bennett is preparing Irving Hall, with its victories and its defeats. Henry Campbell, a Vesey street grocer, leaves

the club every night at 11 o'clock. Frederick W. Latham drops in occasionally and alks about Sixteenth District politics.

Patrick Mallon, of the Fifteenth District, says that no influence will again get him to withdraw

from an aldermanic race.

James J. Fleming is always a welcome visitor.

le keeps the dumb watter busy. "How are you. Mr. President?" is the way ex-President of the Board of Aldermen Robert B.

Nooney is received when he enters the rooms. Oscar IL Bogart is one of the regular attendants. He ought to shoot his broad-brimmed bat. Joseph P. McDonough is seldom seen at the card-

able. He goes home early. Robert A. Van Wyck drops in about three times 283,528 week. He continues in his belief that Tam many Hall and the County Democracy combination

will not last six months. Ex-Senator Francis M. Bixby and ex-Commis sioner Nicholas Haughton have frequent confernoes in the back parlor.

WORLDLINGS.

The old brick church at Smithfield, Va., built in 1682, is still in use for divine worship. It has recently been repaired and gives evidence of lasting century or two longer.

Elize Friedel, Anarchist Lingg's sweetheart, has made an engagement with a dime museum man-ager to make a tour of the South and West and pose as ** Louis Lingg's Girl."

A negro thief was found lying dead, near Wilmington, N. C., by the body of a hog he had stolen and killed. It was evident that while trying to carry the hog away he had strained himself and apparently died instantly of heart disease.

The Association of Grand Works of Panama has made a contract with a business house of Haiphong for the supply of 1,200 coolies, who will be put to work on the Panama Canal. They are to receive \$20 a month and free board and lodging.

A young man named bwank, of Beaver Falls. Pa., a student at Geneva College, ran at full speed against a clotheshne while chasing a goat out of a yard. The line caught him just under the nose, tearing out his upper teeth and splitting the mouth from ear to ear.

A number of Bradford, England, firms dealing with large houses in Germany and other Continental countries have received notice that after a certain date Volapak will be systematically used by their Continental customers for the purpose of international correspondence.

some years ago to pick out and preserve all the old coin that found its way into his cash drawer, and he now has a collection of great value. Some of the coins are extremely rare and could be sold for many times their face value.

The proprietor of a Kansas City restaurant began

The wife of John Bradford, of Wilmington, Del., left her bed while fast asleep, walked from the chamber into the hall and fell downstairs, break. ing her nose and sustaining other severe injuries. she had been dreaming at the time of a similar accident which had occurred to an acquaintance. lady, a year ago.

Col. Weeks's cow, at Mikesville, Fig., recently gave birth to a calf which has two heads and eight egs and feet, and the editor of the Savannah Netos has had a present of a queer fowl which, so far as the head and neck go, is undoubtedly a rooster, while the lower part of the body and the legs are

anmistakably those of a duck. It has taken Jack Cuddahy, of Chicago, only welve years to raise his station in life from that of a poor butcher's assistant to that of a millionaire acker of power and distinction. Much of his fortune was made through speculations in grain, and e attained his success through a snrewd habit of "coppering" the deals of a speculator who was

noted for his ill luck in investments. John Benson, a friendless man living at Indianapolis, has asked the County Commissioners t allow him to pass the remainder of his days in th Poorhouse, promising on his death, to bequeath to the county \$8,000 in 4 per cent. Government ounds. He says that he has lost all confidence in numanity and has concluded that he would be ufer in the Poorhouse than anywhere elec-

Guests at the Hotels.

Senator John H. Mitchell, of Oregon, is at the Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Booth are guests of the Park Prof. M. Anderson, of Hobart College, is now at the Everett.

Surgeon C. L. Heyman, U. S. A., is registered at the Grand. A. T. Babbit, a ranchman, of Cheyenne, is booked at the Brevoort.

Ex-Mayor C. A. Prince, of Boston, has arrived at the Bartholdl. at the Bar'hold.

Neison Morris, a Chicago capitalist, is a recent arrival at the Gilsey.

William R. Prince, M. D., of Richford, Vt., is staying at the Sturtevant.

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Prof. Spencer B. Newbury and Mrs. Newbury, of Ithuca, are guests of the Union Square.

The Brunawick's hook shows the names of T. Brusseau and J. B. A. Mosgenais, two of Montreal's citizens.

Scuator Arthur P. Gorham, of Maryland, and Congressman Samuel J. Randall are recent arrivals at the Pitth Avenue.

Congressional Delegate J. K. Toole, from Mon-ans, surprised the dudes about the Hoffman by the well cut of his clothes. well cut of his clothes.

At the Victoria are John K. Cowen, attorney for
the Baitimore and Obio Ralfroad, and C. Selden,
who is connected with the same railroad, both of

The society women who annually visit Thomas-ville, Fla., will rejoice to learn that Gordon E. Weed, the pet of Boston society, has reached the Hoffman on his way to lead the German at the opening of the Mitchell House, Thomasville.

Extremes Meet.

i Prom the Sufulo Courter.]
A most interesting part in Christmas shopping is played by the numble—that innocent appendage which makes the woman form divine much resemble a swan or something. Go into a popular dry-goods or hotions house, where the h counters are placed but a few feet spart, counter stands a woman hunting vigorous long for some 16-cent article. Just b-hind another woman similarly engaged. The counters are five feet from each other, yet the women are actually introducing their oustles one to the other. The funny part of it is that the women do not know anything about this.

The Thoughtless Throng. [From the Philadelphia Press.]

Wife (returned from church)-You should have heard Mr. Goodman's sermon this morning, my dear. I don't know when anything has made such a profound impression upon me. Hustand-Did you walk home?
Wife—No, I took a street car; and do you know, John, the conductor never asked me for my fare.
Wasn't lucky?

Railroads in the United States.

[From the Chicago Inter Ocean.]
Rew York has dropped to the position of the sixth State of the Union in the number of miles of her railroads. Illinois stands at the head, fol-lowed by Iowa, Kansas, Texas, Pennsylvania, New York and Onio. Kansas, with 400 more mises of railway than New York, is an object lesson worthy of study.

HOT SHOT FOR QUARANTINE

GROSS MISMANAGEMENT CHARGED BY THE STATE HEALTH BOARD.

The Cholern Patients Alleged to Have Been Treated with Brutality and Neglect-Insufficient Precautions Taken-Managed in the laterest of Politics—The Commis sloners Silent When Asked for a Reply.

Thomas N. Newbold, President of the State Board of Health, after a rigid investigation into the management of the Quarantine Station, has submitted to Governor Hill a report. This conclusion is reached:

While the Board will not say that Quarantine seems to be managed or mismanaged, more in the laterests of politics than of the public, no other conclusion can fairly be reached after reading of the neglect and brutality displayed by the Quarantine authorities.

The result of the investigation which was made immediately after the recent outbreak of cholera, is that the Board of Health finds that the opinion of those who have made the matter a study is that a worse state of affairs han now exists at Quarantine would be diffi-

cult to imagine.

After describing the different islands, the buildings creeted on them and the accommodations for the sick, the report says:

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The manner in which the lood was distributed was indoubtedly the means of prolonging the ravages of the disease, cholers. It is now well established by scleanific research that the principal mode, if not the only one, in which cholers is transcreed from one person to another, is by means of what is known as the cholera germ being allowed to enter into water or other fluids imbilied or food taken into the stomach.

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That the water on Hoffman Island was not impregnated is shown by the comparatively few cases, and that they appeared one after the other, instead of numbers at once. But that fresh cases kept appearing pointed to some cause, and the morbide polson was undoubtedly transmitted from one to another by means of the food, dirty hands, having on them choiers germs, handing the food to others, or dipping into the same dish.

No proper means were present for washing, no batatuts in which patients could be bathed, and the closets were insufficient. Trenches had to be dug for lattines. No watch was kept of closets or lattines to see how many times any one person lattines to see how many times any one person

latrines to see how many times any one person used them. No physician was on the island, sev-eral guards keeping order. Tents night hav-been used for isolation, and one was sent, but it

was not put up.

The Hus, it at Ship, the old hulk Illinois, is supposed to be kept in the Lower Bay from spring until fall, but as no repairs had been made on her for years, as stated by the Health Officer, she leaked so badly that she had to be towed back to Gowanus Creek, where she could lie safe in the mud.

At the boarding station at Clifton no patients are landed or treated. The Health Officer and his denuit have their houses at this station and from At the boarding station at clifton no patients are landed or treaxed. The Health Officer and his deputy have their houses at this station, and from here vessels are boarded and examined. The same neglect and decay are seen as noticed at Hoffman Island. The houses need painting, the warks and roadbed repairs; the dock is almost tumbing into the water. No effort seems to be made to keep the place in proper condition.

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The Board of Health of New York City, knowing well the manner in which the choiera had been handled at Quarantine, made every arrangement to take passengers and their luggage upon their landing and subject them to a further dismiraction, it not considering the methods used by the Health Officer to be sufficient or one in which the public ould have confidence unless under the supervision

of a known expert. The report further asserts that all the suggestions made for the treatment of the cholera patients from the steamer Alesia and all the main measures which tended to stop the outbreak of the disease and protect the public came from or were proposed by different visitors to the station in October. The

report says:

No one who has see the station during the late outbreak chuld state that it was ready for work. The hospital ship required by law to be kept in commission afrom May to Rovember, to be at anchor in the Lower Bay and to be capable of caring for not less than 100 patients, was on her station not two weeks, and then was quietly sent to rest in the mud of Gowanus Creek.

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Hoffman island was in such a state of decay as to be almost useless. Swinburne Island alone was in a condition to give any chance of successfully handling discuses. But here no resident physician was stationed, not enough nurses and no female murse, and the poor creatures under treatment there had to await the coming of the Health Officer to receive attention, save what the nurses could give; and the Health Officer stated that the attacks in the butters of couldry was madded and except the state of this outbreak of enoters were sudden and sev he stage of collapse coming on in from eight to

the stage of collapse coming on in 1101s eight will be staged for on the part of the physician. It would called for on the part of the physician. It would seem that from ordinary dictates of humanity the Quarantine authorities would have had enough medical officers employed, it only for temporary service, to fully attend and give all aid in their power to those unfortunate enough to be stricken with such a plague.

The families or mess groups who had been exposed to infection among the immigrants landed from the Alexia could have easily been cared for in the empty pavilions on Swinbarne Island, and thus have been properly sequestered. This was done have been properly sequestered. This was done

have been properly sequestered. This was done with the immigrants from the Britannia, with the result of almost immediately stopping the out-

In conclusion, President Newbold says: From all the evidence I have been able to collect the unanimous opinion of those posted on such natters that it would be difficult to imagine matters that it would be difficult to imagine a worse state of affairs than now exists at the Quarantine Station. It is hard to realize in this age of civilization that the harbor of the City of New York should be so headequately provided with facilities for the prevention and extinction of an epidemic. The State hoard of Health does not consider it within its province to pronounce upon the action of the Quarantine authorities. I have merety end-avored to give a few facts concerning the condition of affairs as they were found by the different persons woo visited the station, and allow you to form your own judgment upon it. That the health of the State and the country was put in great jeopardy by the cuipable unreadiness of the station admits of no question.

The Quarantine Commissioners refuse to out the disclosures made by the Stat Board of Health

Board of Health.

Comissioner Platt said this morning that
the Commissioners are obliged to send to the
Legislature, annually, a report of their
doings and the work at the Quarantine
Islands. In this report, any statements in
refutation of the charges already made will
be presented. Until then, he will have noth-

ing to say.

He said he did not think that the investigation of the State Board of Health would tend to hasten the Commissioners' report, and he would not say whether he believed the charges of mismanagement.

Commissioner Judd was too busy in his publishing house to discuss the work of the

Quarantine officers.
Commissioner Nichols had not been seen at his office to-day up to the time the reporter

Robbed While in a Fight.

The noise made by a fight in the saloon of James J. Browne, 2009 Second avenue, at about 11 o'clock last night, attracted the attention of Policeman Goll, of the Twenty-seventh Precinct.
He entered, and two men, John Masterson, of gots Second avenue, and Dan Schefflin, of 1009 Second avenue, rushed up to him, and charged that Hugh Quinlan, of 464 West Thirty-fourth street, had assaured them with a club. The policeman arrested all taree men and took them to the East Eighty-cigath street police station.

Quintan attentive baving quarrelled with Masterson and Schefflin, but said that it was a "put up job to foo him." He had lost his gold waren and chain and charged that the saloonkeeper had taken them from him while he was fighting.

A second visit to the saloon resulted in the arrest of Browns. He decided stealing the jewelry, but handed the chain to the policeman, saying that the last night, attracted the attention of Policeman

handed the chain to the policeman, saying that he had cound it on the floor. In the Harlem Police Court, this moraing, Justice White dismissed the complaint again t Quinian, but held the other three in \$1,000 eaca for robbery. Quarrelled About a Cont.

Albert Fisher and Benjamin Brown were charged

Albert Fisher and Benjamin Brown were charged in the Jefferson Market Police Court to-day with disorderly conduct by Louis Rosenberg, of 80 Thompson street.

Fisher had a coat stolen from him and he heard that Rosenberg had bought it. He went to the store accompanied by Brown to get his locat. Rosenberg refused to let him have it unless he paid the price of it.

Hot words followed and Fisher and his friend smashed the glass of the show windows. Policeman McGrath, of the Kighta Frednet, arrested both men. Justice Duffy fined them each \$2.

Hanged Himself to a Bed-Post. John G. Reuss, a tailor, of 890 East One Hundred and Forts-ninth street, was found dead and hanging to a bed-post in his room this morning.

Be had been acting strangely for more than a week, but he cause is insigned for the suicide. He leaves a widow and five calidren. of the New Haven and Hartford Railroad late last night. There were papers bearing that name found in his pockets.

NATURE'S SPARKLERS AND ART'S.

Only Experts Able to Tell Sometimes



F all the professions in the world none perhaps is more independent than that of the diamond expert. His salary is high, and he finds little difficulty in hours of labor are few

But these advantages are the fruits of years of study among diamonds, and his profession is one that, when mastered, in-

profession is one that, when mastered, involves most delicate duties, many interests and much money. There are tricks in every trade, and diamond cheats are among the most feared criminals in the country.

They can make a stone that looks like a perfect diamond, half of glass and half the real gem. In the setting, when there is a background, a silver composition is used to give the gem a white and crystal-like appearance, and often indeed they make a paste diamond so closely resembling the genuine that only an expert can distinguish it.

The duties of the expert are to value diamonds after once having found the gems genuine, and this he does he does with the aid of his long study of the gems. There can be no absolute rule laid down for this branch of the profession, although the weight is a chief factor in fixing the price. But while one stone is worth \$50 a caratarenther could not be bought for this

But while one stone is worth \$50 a carat another could not be bought for twice that The whiter the gem the more valua-he more yellow it is ordinarily the cheaper is it.

There are numerous methods of determin-There are numerous methods of determining whether a stone is a diamond or a cheat. Acid is the most popular test to-day. If the diamond is pure, the acid will have no effect. White sapphires are often mistaken even by jewellers for diamonds. The expert tells them apart at a glance. If he is in doubt he scratches the one across the other. The diamond will mark the sampling but there is no nond will mark the sapphire, but there is no gem yet found will cut a diamond, save Files are often used, and here again dia-

monds are not affected, though much care has to be taken lest the edges suffer. Again, the expert is acquainted with the physical properties of different stones. He knows that a diamond acquires positive electricity by friction, that it is a non-con-ductor of electricity and is infusible, but can be volatilized by continuous heat, and he knows from observation that it is transparent and translucent.

DOCKSTADER AND THATCHER ARE OUT.

One Emineut Minstrel Pell Asleep While Listening to the Other's Jokes.

A cloud obscured the amiability of Lew Dockstader's nature the other night and the genial minstrel was sorely and generously vexed. Of course Mr. Dockstader has just as much right to be vexed as other men, but somehow people like to know exactly why a gentleman who makes side-splitting jokes night after night-and not always the same ones-should have given way to irritability.

It is easy to explain. Mr. Dockstader hearing that George Thatcher, a brother minstrel, ing that George Thatcher, a brother minstrel, had a night off, sent that gentleman an invitation to occupy a box in his theatre. It may be that the energetic Mr. Lew wanted to show Thatcher his superiority from a minstrel's standpoint.

When night came the performance went with great zest. Lew Dock-stader as end man had never been funnier until—oh! horror!—his eyes rested on the occupants of one of the boxes, and to his consternation he saw Thatcher asleep and snoring in full view of the andience.

the audience.

Dockstader fumed over the insult. His

Dockstader fumed over the insuit. His face was blackened, or it would undoubtedly have been scarlet with indignation. Such an insult to put upon him! Thatcher was accompanied by his wife, who sat beside her liege lord as he pursued his studies in nasal The sight soon became intolerable to Dockstader. At the end of the act he sent a mes-senger around to Mrs. Thatcher, telling her that her husband must not indulge in such

There's nothing funny in it," Mr. Dock-

There's nothing funny in it," Mr. Dock-stader said.

All the minstrels roared with laughter.

"Get on to Thatcher," they cried. Nothing could have persuaded them that the minstrel was not joking.

"George," said Mrs. Thatcher, nudging her husband, after receiving Dockstader's

her husband, after receiving Dockstader's message; "do wake up. Dockstader thinks you are wilfully insulting him."

Mr. Thatcher rubbed his eyes and looked around him. What he said wouldn't look pretty here. With a look of superb contempt at the stage, he rose, and beckening to his wife to follow him, left the theatre.

It is said that Thatcher and Dockstader

KEEN CRITICS OF MUSIC.

now meet as strangers.

Trades Unionists Say that Better Orches-

tras Would be Appreciated Everywhere. The articles in THE WORLD's evening editions regarding small orchestras in the theatres and opera-houses in this city have attracted the attention of managers and caused considerable comment, some of which is fa

vorable and some unfavorable.

Members of the Musical Union ridicule the assertions of some managers that their thea-tres are provided with good orchestras, sufficiently large for all purposes. Comparisons are made of orchestras in this city and those of European theatres. While New York theatres have eight, nine and ten pieces of music, playhouses in Paris, London, Berlin and other European cities have double and treble the number and employ the best instrument-alists to be had.

alists to be had.

Manager French, of the Grand Opera-House, has expressed a willingness to in-crease his orchestra provided the managers of other houses do likewise. He has one of the best orchestras in the city at present, ac-cording to the opinion of leading members of the Musical Union.

The remark of a manager of a big spectacu-lar piece, that the music of an orchestra of

lar piece, that the music of an orchestra of nine pieces was good enough for the patrons of a Bowery theatre, has "roiled" the mu-sicians and many of the patrons considerably, sicians and many of the patrons considerably,

"Good music performed by an orchestra
of say fafteen pieces in the Bowery theatres
would be just as much appreciated as in the
more prefentious theatres in Broadway and
elsewhere," said an officer of the Musical
Union to-day to a World reporter. "The
theatre-goers on the east side are as keen
critics of a good play as can be found in any
other part of the city. Let the managers increase their orchestras and they will make
their theatres far more attractive. But most
of our managers want to saye a few dollars a

Among the Tollers. The Journeymen Plumbers of this city will give their twenty-first annual ball in Clarendon Hall on

Jan. 30.

A ball is to be given by the Brooklyn plumbers, under the management of National District Assembly No. 55, on Jan. 16 in the Palace Rink.

The Socialistic Labor party and the United German Trades Unions announce a "grand national fait" at Clarendon Hailion Dec. 20, 30 and 31. The process are to be donated towards the establishment of a party printing office.

The Musical Mutual Protective Union will serenceade Heary Irving on his return to this city. Two hundred and fifty of the best musicans in the union are to interpret the programme and Theodore Thomas has been requested to act as conductor.

Run Over and Killed by a Train. A man, supposed to be James Haughen, was run over and killed by a train on the Porchester branch

SYRIA'S RAGGED PILGRIMS.

THE QUEER IMMIGRANTS FROM THE EAST



Castle Garden from the steerage of the Chateau Leoville, and were detained because of their destitute circumstances, were found at breakfast at Castle Garden by a WORLD reporter this morning. The motley crowd is composed of men,

women and children of every age, and their clothing is as varied in hues as the famous

cost of Joseph.

The cidest of the party, a seamed and wrinkled old man, wore a red fez with a black tassel, trousers like those of the fablack tassel, trousers like those of the famous Ellsworth Zouaves, socks that were probably white in the middle ages and which lopped down on a pair of pointed, turned-up-toed shoes, with counters like those of the buskins seen in old plays, showing a lean and bony shank. The man's coat was simply a cast-off garment of civilization. The voungest immigrant of all was a mite of a baby, pretty, but dirty, lying in the arms of the sixty-year-old wife of the patriarch. The couple had been married twenty-five years and this was their first born. It was six months old and was swathed in non-descript wraps of yellow, red, blue and green

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The wife was fancifully attired in many hued garments, nearly like those worn by Americans. Each woman whose head was innocent of Each woman whose head was innocent of the bright-striped or plaid bandans, displayed in the the centre of the top of her head a round surface of smooth scalp as large as a silver quarter, and the reporter was informed that it was in accordance with a Syrian cus-tom, though the meaning of it could not be learned.

learned. These people were a part of a party of sixty These people were a part or a party or sixty-five immigrants, and when those who got on the pier all right divined—from the cross-ex-amination through which they were put by Missionary and Interpreter Goldstein—that money in their purses was necessary for their admission to the blessings of this land of the free, they made attempts to assist their less free, they made attempts to assist their less ortunate brothers who were still on the

One fellow tossed a bandana over the rail to the barge deck. But it failed of reaching the one for whom it was intended, and when Clerk John Gilroy, who had the people in charge, picked it up, he found five English sovereigns tied up in one corner of the ker-

Those detained said they were from Jeru salem and Bayreuth, where they carned their living by making beads and tawdry jewelry, which they sold in the streets of Jerusalem. which they sold in the streets of Jerusalem.
Each wears a rosary and crucifix. When asked if they were Catholics they brightened up at once and chattered like magpies, the only understandable words being: "Me Christian! Catolic! Me no" something or other, and each of the magpies tapped his index finger on his own breast eagerly and with the light of hope in his eye.

Just then a tall, swarthy, well-clad man of forty-five years approached the rail from the outside, and at a single word from him—
'Halak, sir!"—there was a stampede from the reporter to the rail.

the reporter to the rail.

The new-comer smiled as sweetly as a man who has one bloodshot and filmy eye can saile, and repeated again and again to each in turn: "Halak, sir! Halak, sir! Kef Halak! Kef Halak!" As he greeted the immigrants thus he raised his bat straight up, clear from his head, and pressed the four fingers of the other hand first on the tip of his nose, then on his lips and finally made a cross on his breast.

This salute was met by a similar one from the newcomers, and then he addressed them the newcomers, and then he addressed them in Syriac.

He was Charlie Saffee, of 57 Washington street, and he printed his name on the reporter's pad with a rubber stamp. He said his people had been Christians for 1.500 years, having been converted by missionaries of the Greek Church.

He indignantly resented the idea that they

If the Greek Church.

He indignantly resented the idea that they rere natives of Jerusalum or Bayreuth, and aid appealingly to the visitors: "Lebanon?"

whereat there was a chorus of cestatic
"Ahs!" a rolling of eyes, and repetition reverently of the word "Lebanon!"
Mr. Saffee was present as representative of
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Monsour Sharbee, of 57 Washington street and of Toledo, O., dealer in oriental beads and jewelry. He was ready to guarantee that the new arrivals should be employed.

"How many Syrians in town?" he repeated after the reporter in a broken English that defies reproduction on paper. "Oh, that I connot tell—there are so many. Yes, all live at 55, 57 and 59 Washington street."

Jona Jabon, one of the newcomers, spoke Italian, French and Spanish, and he said to an interpreter that the people had an aggregate of over \$400 worth of goods now awaiting them at the Custom-House, and had some little money besides.

The fingers of the men were yellowed by eigarette smoking, and Mr. Saffee gave out to them papers and tobacco. He said that "Kef Halak" meant "How do you do," and "Halak Sei." 'good morning."

What will be the result of Mr. Saffee's visit on the people will be decided by Collector Magone to-day probably.

MR. ARKELL CONTROLS "THE JUDGE."

He Buys Six-Tenths of the Company's Cap ital Stock for \$100,000. It has been reported that W. J. Arkell has ourchased from the Hart estate sixty out of the one hundred shares of the Judge Publish.

ing Company for \$100,000.

Mr. Arkell is in Albany at present, but his secretary, W. J. Merrill, says that the report that Mr. Arkell purchased the stock is true, but he refuses to give the purchase price, only saying that it was way up in the thou-sands and that Mr. Arkell can, if he wishes, put his name to the paper as editor and pro

Mercury Froze in the Bulb. (From the Denver Republican, Dec. 22.)
The cold wave which swept over the Western

country reached its highest point in Colorado yeserdsy morning at 8 o'clock. The cold was intense. Never in the history of the Denver and Rio Grande road has the temperature along the line been so road has the temperature along the line been so low. It was so cold at one point, at least, that the mercury froze in the thermometers, and at several points mercury was abandoned as a means of registering, and the officials resorted to the spirit tube. Even at Denver, sheltered as it is, the thermometer registried is degrees below zero at 8 octiock. As a matter of course the intensest degree of cold was fett among the high points in the mountains and among the high points at gree of coid was fest among the high points in the mountains and among the mountain passes. At Roninson, for instance, a few miles from Lead-ville, the temperature was 51 degrees below zero. Every thermometer froze the moment it was exposed. The next coldest point was Gunnison, where the people shivered in a temperature of 80 degrees below zero. At Crested Butte the thermometer registered 35 degrees below; at Monarch it was 37, Red Cliff 30 and Westellife 34. The only warm spot in the State was at Grand Junction, where the thermometer stood 14 degrees above zero. In view of the intense cold elsewhere these figures were suggestive of the bubbling songs of early apringtime. early springtime.

Changed His Letter Carrier.

t From the Cincinnati Telegram.]
Col. "Mort, " Hawkins, press agent of the Contennial Exposition, occupies a room on the fourth floor of the Custom-House as his headquarters.

TWO FOER OF THE SPARROW.

Shotgone in Jersey and the Great Northern Shrike in Madison Square.



HERE do you find any game worth going after?" a World reporter asked a friend who boarded a Sixth avenue elevated train with a shotgun on his shoulder this morning. "Just over in Jersey,

Just over in Jersey, at Guttenburg," he replied. "I got a nice mess of robins there last summer, and about

now is a good time to look for sparrows." "Sparrows! They are not fit to eat, are they?" asked the reporter.

"Fit! About twenty of them make as "Fit! About twenty of them make as good a dinner for one as I care to have."

The reporter had forgotten all about the sportsman when a little later he ran across another friend of society and enemy of the pugnacious little half-ounce pest in Madison Square Park. For some years the opening of winter has been the signal for the appearance in the city of an ever-increasing borde of these little pests. At first they received a hearty welcome. Frequently kind housewives scattered grain, bread crumbs and other food for the robust little rascals. But gradually they became almost an intolerable nuisance, and many devices have been tried for their extermination, but with about the for their extermination, but with about the same effect said to be produced by killing a red ant—a thousand new sparrows came to

each funeral. What the man of notes saw was a pitched What the man of notes saw was a pitched battle between a sparrbw and a shrike or butcher-bird. The odds were greatly against the little English emigrant, but, like the proverbial Britisher, the sparrow was pluck against all odds, and fought to the death.

The great northern shrike is about as large as a robin, and is the ugliest fighter of the air, never hesitating to make fight regions.

as a robin, and is the ugliest fighter of the air, never hesitating to make fight against the largest birds. They come to this climate in November and return to their northern homes in the early spring. They have selected the sparrows as their mortal enemies. They have strong and sharp beaks, and attack sparrows at sight.

This feathered "butcher" pounced upon a sparrow in one of the pathways where Citizen Train was wont to feed him and his fellows. The sparrow showed fight and yelled instily for help, but was deliberately pecked to death and then torn limb from limb, the

distription help, but was deliberately pecked to death and then torn limb from limb, the murderer apparently eating his victim, cannibal fashion, without sauce, and after the feast he pecked nonchalantly at the bones in the manner of the man who has dined, but has not yet finished his wine and cigarette. Finally the diner left the scene of battle in a business-like style.

POLICEMEN TO BE TRIED.

President French to Dispose of a Number Complaints To-Morrow.

President French will attend to delinquent policemen at the trials to-morrow. The docket is not very large, but an unusual number of citizens' complaints will be investigated. Policeman Homer E. Patrick, of the Morrisania precinct, is charged with an unprovoked assault upon William C. Price.

of General Sessions of a charge of accepting bribes, as alleged by the wife of Salcon-keeper Krumm, of Chrystie street, will be called to account by the Police Board and will probably not be prosecuted.

Edward Hahn, of the Tremont squad.

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Patrolman Michael J. Cox. of the Prince street sairon will be proceeded by Cox. Patrolman Michael J. Cox, of the Prince street station, will be prosecuted by Capt. McDonell for being so much under the influence of liquor as to be unfit for duty.

Patrolman John Crohan, of the West Forty-seventh street squad, will be called to face a charge of intoxication and the more serious one of being absent for five days. He cannot be found, and will be dropped from the rolls of the force.

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Policeman Matthew Jennings is charged with cutting John Smith, an ex-convict, to pieces with his club, "Smith has secured a situation, and has asked permission of Supt. Murray to withdraw the complaint. The Superintendent declined, and gave Smith a covera between the convention of the superintendent of the superintendent declined, and gave Smith a covera between the superintendent declined. sovers lecture for making a charge against a policeman, having a terrible story of the alleged outrage published, and then asking to have it dropped quietly. Smith has been sent up eight times and will not prosecute.

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Policeman Joseph S Moran will face
George Schnidt, of First avenue, who
accuses him of using the club too freely.

Four-months-old Policeman Alfred J. Reid
will be tried for an alleged uncalled-for
assault upon Henry Moritz, of Ninth avenue,
an old gentleman who presumed to stand on
Fourth avenue with his wife to await the
coming of a horse-car. Reid has expressed a
desire to get even with the reporters.

Policeman Patrick J. Hands, of the West
Thirty-seventh street station, is accused by
A. C. Sherman with coming into his saloon,
demanding a drink and on a refusal to comply with the request dragging Sherman out,
clubbing and arresting him. The policeman
was in citizen's dress and was detailed on
excise work. He claims to have made the
arrest of Sherman for a violation of the Sunday law, but denies the clubbing part of the
story. In court Sherman was discharged.

A MONUMENT TO JERRY HARTIGAN. How Fourth and Sixth Ward People Will

Bonor Their Dead Friend. Jerry Hartigan was laid at rest in Calvary Cemetery two weeks ago, but he has not been forgotten by his personal and political friends in the Fourth and Sixth Wards. They are now talking of erecting a monument over his grave and it is likely that a meeting will soon be held to make arrangements to

will soon be field to make arrangements to raise the necessary funds.

It is proposed to receive contributions from \$1 to \$5 for a fund to purchase a monument to cost \$1.000.

"I believe," said one of Jerry Hartigan's friends to day, "that we sould get that amount without going outside of the Fourth and Sixth wards. Jerry left many a friend behind him, and if any man deserved a monument for deeds of charity, Jerry deserved one.

one. I know that I could raise \$100 for a monument for him, and I would not have to walk very far to get that amount either. His friends ought to have a meeting and appoint friends ought to have a meeting and appoint a committee to solicit subscriptions."
Several other friends of Jerry Hartigan, who were spoken to by a World reporter, said that they had heard of the movement to erect a monument in memory of Jerry. One of them said: "We will all chip in to raise a shaft in his memory. If one half of the people who attended his funeral would chip in a half a dollar we could plant a daisy monument. He is entitled to one and he ought to have one."

A Persuasive Woman Evangelist. [From the Louisville Courier-Journal.] Nicholasville is having what she has needed for

many years, a regular old-time revival. Miss Belle Hunt, the evangelist, has been conducting a series of meetings at the M. E. Church there for the past week, and it is predicted by leading church people Up to several days ago be had his private desk at the west end of the room, but has since removed it to the east end. Several hours after this change he was aurprised at the appearance of a new letter carrier.

'Where is — '' asked the Colonel, referring to the old carrier.

'Oh, you moved out of his route into mine," replied the new min.

'How so?"

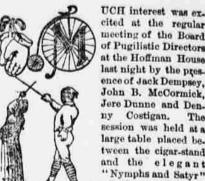
'Well, Cotonel, you see the centre of your room is the route line, and when you crossed it you changed carriers.

SPORTS OF TRACK AND RING.

INTERESTING MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUGILISTIC DIRECTORS.

Sage Remarks from Jack Dempsey, Jere Dunn and Denny Costigan - Dempsey a Little Discontented-Excitement of Speciators at Fights-The Manhattan A. C.'s Big

Meeting-Entries for the Pool Match.



UCH interest was excited at the regular meeting of the Board of Pugilistic Directors at the Hoffman House last night by the presence of Jack Dempsey, John B. McCormick, Jere Dunne and Denny Costigan. The session was held at a large table placed between the cigar-stand and the elegant

painting. Dempsey doesn't seem to fancy the offer Billy Ed. wards made Sunday night of a match between himself and Dominick McCaffrey for \$2,000, the winner to receive \$1,000. Me-Caffrey, who is in town and was seen earlier in the evening, is reported by the Nonpareil to have said; "I wouldn't see much in it if it was for \$5,000 a side, winner to get \$2,500. Demosey says personal feeling had some-

Demosey says personal feeling had some-thing to do with his recent match with Rea-gan; besides, he had to do something to redeem himself. redeem himself.

"I gave a show out in Brooklyn," said the redoubtable Jack." last summer, and people said 'He's no good any more. Got consumption. His arm will never be right again. Won't see any show if we go.' I made just \$4 out of that benefit. Heagan gave a show a week or two later and cleared \$700. I couldn't stand that."

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Policeman Louis Selig, of the Eldridge street force, who was acquitted in the Court

sparring exhibitions than by fighting. The conversation then shifted to excitement at fights, from a remark of The World man on the interruption of yesterday afternoon's "scrap" in Hoboken between Langdon and Gaoig. Dempsey told of two or three excitable persons he knew, and how often at fights he would watch some one in the andience who would clinch his hands, dodge his head and mimic, entirely unconsciously, every action of the fighters before him.

The sage of the pugilistic corner then told of once seeing clever old-timer George Siler, who used to box with Dooney Harris, at one of Sullivan's early fights in the Garden. Siler came in late, and managed to get un on a box behind the ocean of excited spectators. He got wild with excitement, followed with his own fists every motion of the big fellow, and actually punched a big man in front of him behind the ear. Siler was indignant when the gentleman turned around and accused the boxer of striking him. He didn't have any more knowledge of what he had done than one has of his movements when he has walked in his sleep.

The robust sage told another story, of the fight between Sullivan and Tug Wilson. With some friends he occupied one of the boxes nearest to the ring. A large, well-built Irishman at the last moment requested to be helped up so he could go and see some friends in some of the rear seats. Of course it was out of the question to try to go around by way of the stairs in that throng, and he was hoisted up. Then he coolly insisted on occupying a rear seat in the box. While the contest was on he did his shouting right in Mr. Blank's ear. Mr. Blank was shouting as loudly as he could himself, but would never have known it save for the tremendous echo in his left ear. "Can't you shut up?" he asked twice of the bellower behind him. "No, I can't Why don't you?" was all the satisfaction he got.

Mr. Harry Pike is the Chairman of the

Jere. Dunne says he thinks Jack Dempsey would give Smith or Kilrain a bigger fight than they made together.

Jan. 17. There are already fifteen entries for the scratch pool tournament of the Manhattan Athletic Club. It commences on Jan. 15 and will be for an elegant challenge medal indicative of the championship of the club.

Young Delancey, Billy Dacey's pupil, sparred very cleverly with his instructor at Odd-Fellows' Hall in Hoboken yesterday atternoon. Dacey is matching Delancey at 122 pounds against Harry Umlah's unknown.

FUN FOR AFTER DINNER.

[From the Epoch.] " It is very curious," he said at the breakfast able, "I've looked the paper through and through. I never knew such a thing to happen be

Park)—Can you direct me to the Bolivar statue?
Sparrow Officer—I'm not long on th' foorce,
leddy, an' I Jon't know over-much aboot shtatues;
but if I'd bolivars yes want, I c'ink yea'l and thim
at th' restorator bechune th' bir-rd cage an' th' At the Creditors' Meeting. [From Puck.] Bankrupt-Gentlemen, I must throw myself on

Santa Ciaus, and who, to heighten the illusion, has been hung in the chimney)—Biest if that fool Brown ain't balled up the arrangements and lighted the yule log ten minutes ahead of time i

No Use Asking Him.

me. He wouldn't do it."
"Doesn't he like you?"
"No; he has owed me \$10 borrowed money for more than six months."

Teacher (of geography class)-Tommy, in going from New York to San Francisco, through what States and Territories would you pass? Tommy (who lan't very well prepared)—Not any; I'd go by steamer.

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord," Responding to this, he was a wise as well as a wilty and practical commentator who said: "If you like the security, down with the

couldn't stand that."

Dempsey says by rights he should have got but \$62 out of the Reagan battle money, as reported in The Wonld, but his backers increased the sun most generously. Both Jake Sterns and his Western backer made him fine money presents. He thinks now that for awhile he can make more cash giving sparring exhibitions than by fighting. The

Mr. Harry Pike is the Chairman of the Athletic Committee in whose hands the Manhattan Athletic Ciub's big meeting at the Madison Square Garden on Jan. 28 has been placed. The meeting promises to be a great event, and that special feature which has not yet been fully developed is expected to be a stronger.

There is said to be a boxing competition on for the New York Athletic Club House on

Mr. Depew Slighted.

Cheerfully Given Information. [Prom Puck.]
Mrs. Goreton (taking her constitutional in the

your clemency. If two pin-cushions and an em-broider d hat-lip are any use to you, take them. I attended the Masonic Fair recently. Too Realistic. [From Puch.]
.Catesby (who has kindly consented to serve a

'No; don't ask Robinson to say a good word for

Preferred to Go by Steamer. [From the Epoch.]

Investment and Security.